

**Whispering Pines Fire District  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

A public meeting of the Whispering Pines Fire District was convened on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Whispering Pines Fire Station 71, 10603 Houston Mesa Road, Whispering Pines.

- I. Call to Order: Bob Hull called the meeting to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: - Chris Oberg led the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call/Declare a Quorum: present were – Joseph Brown, Bob Hull, Chris Oberg Al Kendall and Fred Washburn. A quorum was declared.
- IV. Vote to go to executive session pursuant to A. R. S. 38-431.03 (A)(7) re: - Consideration of the proposal to sell to the District a .19 acre parcel deemed parcel B of Gila County parcel 302-04-081, located on Belluzzi Blvd. in the community of Rim Trail – Al made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Chris seconded.
- V. Reconvene regular session
- VI. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 regular business meeting – Chris moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting. Bob seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 special called meeting – Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting. Al seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. Reports and Correspondence

A. Treasurer’s Report – Fred presented the Treasurer’s report, summarized as follows:

Balance sheet as of December 31, 2011 –

Chase Bank Account for Payroll Taxes..\$	4,976.80
Operating Account.....	69,226.38
Bonita Creek Building Fund.....	7,800.20
Geronimo Building Fund.....	1,858.93
Rim Trail Building Fund.....	34,892.49
Capital Funds-Unspec. Reserves.....	35,502.98
Petty Cash.....	100.00
Total Checking/Saving \$	154,357.78

B. Chairman’s Report – Bob reported on the AFDA conference, which was attended by himself, Al Kendall, Chris Oberg, Chief Sattelmaier and Administrative Assistant Sue Sattelmaier.

B. Chief’s Report – **SEE ATTACHMENT A.**

IX. Call to the Public for comment on items in the Agenda – There was none.

X. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

A. **Consideration of the proposal to sell to the District a .19 acre parcel of un-Improved land deemed parcel B of Gila County parcel 302-04-081, located on Belluzzi Blvd. in the community of Rim Trail** – Bob stated that the Board had the duty to the public to acquire an independent appraisal of the property. Bob made a motion to authorized Chief Sattelmaier to obtain the services of an independent appraiser who is familiar with the local area, and consign them to make an appraisal of the property, reporting back to the Board. Joseph seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **Filing of Bonita Creek documents with Gila County** – Bob asked Fred to speak to this item. Fred stated that since the time he requested this item be placed on the agenda, he had discussed with Chief Sattelmaier the need to investigate costs of steel frame construction as opposed to the current building style, to reduce cost of construction. He pointed out that with the expected down-turn in revenues over the next two to four years, we should investigate bids on the lower cost alternatives such as steel construction. Fred made a motion to authorize Chief Sattelmaier to acquire bids from steel building manufacturers for the construction of fire stations at both Bonita Creek and Rim Trail. Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. **Problems with the purchase of the Polaris Ranger for the District** – Chief Sattelmaier asked Bob Seiler to explain the problem that occurred. He stated that after negotiating the purchase of the Polaris Ranger, including a 4 year extended warranty, he was later notified that the extended warranty was not available to commercial users. In fact, the only warranty available was the factory 90 day policy. He checked with some other dealerships, receiving the same answer, so he returned the vehicle to the dealer in Rye and retrieved the check. After discussing possible costs we might incur over the life of the vehicle, Al made a motion to go ahead with the purchase of the Polaris Ranger, and set aside \$10,000.00 of the remaining Wallow Fire funds for the purpose of covering regular and emergency maintenance which may occur. Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Call to the Public, Staff and Board for Non-agenda Items – Randy Robb, a Whispering Pines resident expressed concern over the size (est. \$600,000.00) of the loan that may need to be negotiated from a private lender if we proceed with construction of structures described in the Bonita Creek/Rim Trail sites. He also asked about the nature of the Rural Development Grant/Loan process we are involved in. Bob Seiler explained the process and our current status with that process. Mr. Robb agreed that we were right to pursue lower cost metal fabricated buildings.

XI. Call to the Public, Staff and Board for Future Agenda Items – None

XII. Call for Adjournment – Chris moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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By \_\_\_\_\_